

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

SAMUEL KOLOSSO,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 07-C-273

JO ANNE BARNHART,

Defendant.

ORDER

Plaintiff has filed an action for court review of a decision rendered by the Commissioner of Social Security. Ordinarily, a plaintiff must pay a statutory filing fee of \$350 to bring an action in federal court. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Plaintiff, however, has requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

Section 1915 is meant to ensure indigent litigants meaningful access to federal courts. *See Nietzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 324 (1989). Under § 1915, an indigent party may commence a federal court action, without paying required costs and fees, upon submission of an affidavit asserting inability “to pay such fees or give security therefor” and stating “the nature of the action, defense or appeal and the affiant’s belief that the person is entitled to redress.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

Plaintiff filed the required affidavit of indigence. Upon review of that affidavit, I am satisfied that plaintiff meets the poverty requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915 in light of his limited assets and financial obligations to family members.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED**. The clerk is directed to serve a copy of the complaint and this order on the defendant.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2007.

s/ William C. Griesbach
William C. Griesbach
United States District Judge